



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5264**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section: (1) "Health care facility" means a hospital or an outpatient  
3 clinic, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490 of the general  
4 statutes, a long-term care facility, as defined in section 17a-405 of the  
5 general statutes, and a hospice facility, licensed pursuant to section  
6 19a-122b of the general statutes; and (2) "medical diagnostic  
7 equipment" means an (A) examination table, (B) examination chair, (C)  
8 weight scale, (D) mammography equipment, and (E) x-ray, imaging  
9 and other radiological diagnostic equipment.

10       (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt by regulation, in  
11 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,  
12 technical standards for medical diagnostic equipment purchased by  
13 health care facilities on or after January 1, 2017, that meet or exceed the  
14 technical standards for accessibility developed by the federal  
15 Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in  
16 accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
17 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time.

18       (c) Not later than October 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Public

19 Health shall notify each physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of  
 20 the general statutes of the technical standards for accessibility  
 21 developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers  
 22 Compliance Board in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient  
 23 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from  
 24 time to time, for medical diagnostic equipment. The commissioner  
 25 shall also provide information to each physician describing the best  
 26 practices for the safe provision of health care to individuals with  
 27 accessibility needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a)(2)(C) "weigh scale" was changed to "weight scale" for statutory consistency; and, in Section 1(b), "The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to require each health care facility to meet or exceed the technical standards for accessibility developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time, for medical diagnostic equipment purchased on or after January 1, 2017." was changed to "The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt by regulation, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, technical standards for medical diagnostic equipment purchased by health care facilities on or after January 1, 2017, that meet or exceed the technical standards for accessibility developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time." for clarity.

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*